

Folding & Activity Tables

1 Measure Doors Before You Order

Measure every doorway and elevator the tables must pass through before ordering. Long tables (8-10 feet) can be impossible to navigate around tight corners. If access is restricted, buy shorter tables or modular configurations.

2 Buy the Matching Cart

Always purchase the manufacturer's matching cart with your folding tables. A proper cart makes moving and storing tables safe, fast, and easy. Without it, staff will struggle every time the room reconfigures.

3 Standard Height = 29-30"

Unless you have a specific reason (adjustable classroom use, bar setups), stick to 29-30" standard table height. It pairs with all standard chairs and doesn't require specialty seating.

4 HPL Beats Melamine for Durability

High-pressure laminate (HPL) surfaces outlast melamine significantly in commercial use. Specify HPL for tables that will see daily use — it resists scratching, chipping, and staining far better.

5 Always Buy 10-15% Extra

Buy 10-15% more tables than your calculated minimum. You'll always need extras for registration tables, AV stations, food stations, or unexpected larger setups. Extras store easily; running short is a problem.

6 Check the Weight Capacity Label

Don't assume all folding tables support the same weight. Residential-grade tables cap at 300 lbs. Commercial-grade should hit 500+ lbs. Verify the static load rating before buying for any heavy-use environment.

7 Consider Blow-Mold for Wet Environments

For cafeterias, outdoor covered events, or anywhere spills are frequent, blow-mold plastic tops are the right call. They clean up with a wipe and won't delaminate like laminate tops when wet repeatedly.

8 Height-Adjustable Legs Add Multi-Age Versatility

If the table will serve both adults and children (schools, community centers), height-adjustable legs are worth the extra cost. A single table can serve a kindergarten and an adult training session.

9 Nesting Tables Save More Space Than Stacking

Nesting tables (legs fold to the side) pack tighter than standard folding tables. If storage space is at a premium, nesting models give you 30-40% better storage density.

10 Color Edgeband Matters More Than You Think

The edge treatment on a laminate table — the color of the banding on the table edge — affects how the table looks up close. Matching the edgeband to the top (or choosing a contrasting color intentionally) is a detail worth specifying, especially for training rooms and visible environments.